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FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT TO MEDIA WILL BE PERSONALLY HANDED TO CORRESPONDENTS ATTENDING TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, NOON BRIEFING (RELEASE NOT PROCESSED IN TIME FOR SUCH HANDLING MONDAY):

THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE ANNOUNCES THE APPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM G. BOWDLER, A CAREER FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER, TO THE POST OF DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS. HE HAS BEEN SERVING AS AMBASSADOR TO GUATEMALA. HE ASSUMES HIS NEW POST ON SEPTEMBER 4. PRIOR TO HIS GUATEMALA ASSIGNMENT HE WAS AMBASSADOR TO EL SALVADOR FROM 1968-1971.

MR. BOWDLER BEGAN HIS CAREER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE IN 1950 AS A RESEARCH ASSISTANT IN THE DIVISION OF INTERNATIONAL ADMINISTRATION HANDLING U.S. PARTICIPATION IN INTER-AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS. HE HAS A LONG CAREER IN LATIN AMERICAN AFFAIRS. IN 1952 HE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE OFFICE OF REGIONAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS IN THE DEPARTMENT'S LATIN
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AMERICAN BUREAU. IN 1956 HE ASSUMED THE POSITION OF

SECRETARY TO THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMITTEE OF PRESIDENTIAL REPRESENTATIVES TO THE TO THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES. SUBSEQUENTLY, HE SERVED AS A POLITICAL AND CONSULAR OFFICER IN CUBA.

IN 1961 MR. BOWDLER WAS NAMED OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OF THE OFFICE OF REGIONAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S LATIN AMERICAN BUREAU. HE ALSO SERVED AS DEPUTY COORDINATOR OF CUBAN AFFAIRS FROM 1963 UNTIL 1965, WHEN HE WAS APPOINTED TO THE WHITE HOUSE AS EXECUTIVE LIAISON OFFICER FOR LATIN AMERICAN AFFAIRS.

HIS PERFORMANCE HAS WON HIM TWO MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARDS, IN 1959 AND 1963, AND A MERITORIOUS HONOR AWARD IN 1965.

AFTER SERVING OVERSEAS IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY FROM 1944 TO 1946, HE ATTENDED THE UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND WHERE HE RECEIVED A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN HISTORY IN 1948. THE FOLLOWING YEAR HE RECEIVED A MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE IN LATIN AMERICAN AFFAIRS AT THE FLETCHER SCHOOL OF LAW AND DIPLOMACY.

AMBASSADOR BOWDLER WAS BORN IN BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA ON MARCH 27, 1924. HE IS MARRIED TO THE FORMER MARGARET C. CLARK. THEY HAVE TWO SONS AND ONE DAUGHTER, AND MAINTAIN RESIDENCE IN MIAMI SPRINGS, FLORIDA. ROGERS

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